

Weekly Weather Crop Report

Week Ending: December 1, 1996

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 3.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending December 1, 1996. The main farming activity for the week was harvesting soybeans. Rain in the latter part of the week delayed most farming activities. Livestock producers are feeding hay and preparing herds for the winter months. Soil moisture is 10 percent short, 57 percent adequate and 33 percent surplus.

Progress in Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1995	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Cotton	Harvested	100	99	100	99	---	---	---	---	---
Soybeans	Harvested	99	97	100	96	---	---	---	---	---
Wheat	Planted	99	97	99	94	---	1	32	63	4
	Emerged	98	93	92	87	---	---	---	---	---
Pecans	Harvested	73	58	81	71	3	14	39	37	7

County Agent Comments

"Winter feeding has gotten underway on all cattle farms. Some cotton scrapping still has not been completed. Only a small percentage of the soybeans remain in the fields. Calves are being weaned for sale or to be placed on winter grazing for spring sale."

— Mike Howell, Calhoun County

"Most all field harvest is complete. Low temperatures this week have frosted summer pastures. Fall grazing is developing fairly well. Pecans are being harvested."

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha County

"Light rain showers have boosted growth of cool season pastures. Milk production is showing its usual seasonal increase because of cooler temperatures and availability of lush ryegrass pastures."

— Lamar Adams, Walthall County

"Rain has halted harvest of the remaining soybeans and has reduced the number of acres planted to wheat. The wheat that was planted looks good."

— Mack Young, Quitman County

"Rains have reduced potential wheat acres. If it stays wet, we will not plant additional acres to wheat. Cotton harvest is virtually complete."

— David Roberts, Monroe County

This is the final crop weather release for the 1996 crop season. Crop Weather will resume the first week of April 1997. We look forward to working with you next year. Enjoy the Holidays.

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